



# ATF NIBIN Program Hits of the Week

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NIBIN Branch, Firearms Programs Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

## **Week of 4/18:**

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation Forensic Science Laboratory in Atlanta used the NIBIN system to confirm the ballistic match of a test fire from a pistol taken by police from a convicted felon to shell casings collected in two homicides that occurred more than two years apart. The Atlanta Police Department responded to a call and found a deceased victim with multiple gunshot wounds lying in a driveway. Investigators recovered several 9mm shell casings and a projectile, which was submitted to the Laboratory for entry into NIBIN. More than two years later, officers from the Alpharetta (GA) Police Department responded to a report of a man shot and located a victim at the bottom of a set of stairs. The victim was transported to the hospital and died later. Investigators found a 9mm shell casing on the stairs where the shooting occurred and had it imaged into NIBIN. A month later police arrested a felon in possession of a 9mm pistol and submitted it for test firing and entry into NIBIN. A firearms examiner at the laboratory confirmed the match of the test fire from the pistol to the ballistic evidence recovered in both homicides. The investigation is continuing.

## **Week of 4/25:**

The Oakland (CA) Police Department linked a firearm recovered during a traffic stop to ballistic evidence recovered at the scene of a homicide 60 days earlier by using the NIBIN system. Oakland Police responded to a call reporting a shooting. Responding officers found a homicide victim who had been shot and killed by an unidentified suspect. Witnesses were unable to provide any additional information. Officers recovered shell casings and had them imaged into the NIBIN system. Two months later, Oakland Police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation and found a firearm hidden under the driver's seat. The suspect was arrested for weapons and narcotics violations and was out on bail for a felony arrest. The firearm was test fired and imaged into NIBIN, which resulted in a link to the ballistic evidence collected in the homicide case two months before. The investigation is continuing.